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SUBJ: INVESTOR-RELATED SERVICES

REF: A. STATE 045120 B. CANBERRA 1836

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER INQUIRY FROM WELL-KNOWN US INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM BAKER & MCKENZIE, CHICAGO, ADDRESSED TO THE QUOTE AMERICAN CONSUL AT CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA END QUOTE REQUESTING LIST OF QUOTE (A) LOCAL LAWYERS, AND (B) ACCOUNTING FIRMS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED BY YOU AS BEING CAPABLE AND WILLING TO RENDER LEGAL SERVICES OR ACCOUNTING SERVICES, AS THE CASE MAY BE, TO AMERICAN CORPORATIONS. FIRMS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF CORRESPONDING IN ENGLISH WOULD NATURALLY BE OF MOST INTEREST TO US. END QUOTE. LETTER IS SIGNED BY PETER B. POWLES.
2. WHILE EMBASSY, AS STATED IN REFTEL (B) HAS COMPLETED IT INVENTORY OF INVESTOR-RELATED SERVICES AND IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFO, FIRM'S INQUIRY STRIKES US AS SOMEWHAT ODD. BAKER AND MCKENZIE HAS OFFICE IN SYDNEY (IT IS INCLUDED IN CONGEN SYDNEY'S LIST OF ATTORNEYS PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A) WHICH WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED TO BE VERY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING FIRMS IN THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL CENTERS IN AUSTRALIA. WE UNDERSTAND PETER B. POWLES IS UNCLASSIFIED

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BAKER & MCKENZIE PARTNER SPECIALIZING IN AUSTRALIA WITH

CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN-COUNTRY. FINALLY, REFERENCE TO QUOTE FIRMS CAPABLE OF CORRESPONDING IN ENGLISH END QUOTE LEADS US TO BELIEVE INQUIRY MAY BE FORM CIRCULAR ADDRESSED TO NUMBER OF FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS THROUGHOUT WORLD. WE THEREFORE WONDER IF DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH TO HANDLE IT IN MANNER ANALOGOUS TO THAT EMPLOYED IN THE CASE OF CIRCULAR TRADE INQUIRIES (A-1047, FEBRUARY 6, 1974).

3. INFO POSTS, IN EVENT THEY HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR BAKER AND MCKENZIE INQUIRY, MAY WISH TO DELAY RESPONSE UNTIL DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO THISTEL IS RECEIVED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHETHER IT WANTS EMBASSY TO FURNISH LISTS OF ATTORNEYS AND ACCOUNTANTS DIRECT TO BAKER & MCKENZIE OR WHETHER IT PREFERS MATTER BE HANDLED ALONG LINES OF A-1047 PROCEDURE.  
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